



# City of Ridgecrest Police Department

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## Press Release

**DATE OF INCIDENT:** JANUARY 24<sup>TH</sup> 2015

**TYPE OF INCIDENT:** JUVENILE PARTY PATROL (TAPPED OPERATION)

The Ridgecrest Police Department conducted a "TAPPED" (Teenage Party Prevention Enforcement and Dispersal) on Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Teen parties are one of the highest risk settings for youth alcohol problems. Teens often drink at large parties with peers, almost all of whom are underage. These parties can lack adult supervision and can lead to serious problems, including impaired driving, rape, other forms of violence, vandalism and property damage.

The TAPPED Operation consisted of six (6) officers of the Ridgecrest Police Department. These officers visited eight (8) locations of suspected juvenile parties or "hangouts" as well as conducting proactive patrol enforcement. During the operation, over 140 persons were contacted which resulted in ten (10) arrests.

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| • 16-year old male   | - Curfew violation, possession of marijuana, possession of tobacco. |
| • 17-year old male   | - Possession of drug paraphernalia.                                 |
| • 15-year old female | - False identification to police, possession of marijuana.          |
| • 15-year old female | - False identification to police, possession of tobacco.            |
| • Charles Eodice     | - Resist officer by force, unlicensed driver.                       |
| • Kenneth Hartaway   | - Misdemeanor warrant.  |
| • Lisa Tolliver      | - Misdemeanor warrant.  |
| • Marcus Calderon    | - Felony Post Community Release warrant.                            |
| • Mark Miles         | - Possession of a controlled substance for sales.                   |
| • James Norton       | - Minor (under 21) in possession of alcohol.                        |

The Ridgecrest Police Department and ABC believe that aggressive enforcement mixed with public education will successfully limit the access of alcohol to minors and improve the quality of life in Ridgecrest. Funding for the operation was provided by the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Grant Assistance Program (GAP).

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